

8. (New) Yeast extract produced by culturing a strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* according to claim 3 in a suitable medium and utilizing the obtained cells.

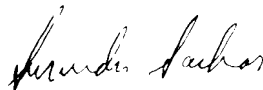
9. (New) Yeast extract produced by culturing a strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* according to claim 4 in a suitable medium and utilizing the obtained cells.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are active in the present application. Claim 5 has been amended to remove multiple dependency. Claims 7-9 are new claims. Support for the new claims is found in the original claims. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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